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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON
Tuesday 24th June 2025 commencing at 6.45pm
Chair: Mr. P Vaughan

13. PRESENT Councillors: Mrs S Benbow-Jones, Mrs K Witherden, Mr P Blackwell, Mrs J Jones, Mrs K Tiltman, Mr D Metcalfe, Mrs S Mills, Mrs S Matthews, Mr P Vaughan, Mrs H Brimfield, Mrs A Williams Also, Clerk T Nicholls-Smith, Community Agent D Thornley and Community Development Officer/Minute taker A Ruscoe.

Councillor Mrs K Benfield and Mrs I Twigg, joined on the Zoom Platform.

14. APOLOGIES Councillor Mrs G Wright, Mr D Wright and Mrs P Roberts

15.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Cllr Angela Williams declared an interest in agenda item 10 – Regarding Correspondences Item 6 – Due to involvement with the Community Wellness team

16. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS
N/A

17.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

HEDDLU GOGLEDD CYMRU NORTH WALES POLICE

Local Report for the area of: Cefn Mawr / Rhosymedre / Newbridge
Person Providing Report: PCSO Sarah Clark-Lewis C4460
Date of Report: Period of 01/05/25 – 31/05/25

	Burglary Residential	Domestic Violence	Serious Violence	Sexual Offences	ASB
Incidents between 01/05/25 – 31/05/25	0	12	2	1	12

Incidents of Note

Crime Reference Number	Date	Brief Circumstances
25000368850	04/05/2025	Rape: Known offender has raped the victim, whilst at a house at the loc address, male arrested.
25000395956	13/05/2025	Informant wanting to report two incidents of sexual assault involving same suspect.
25000376278	07/05/25	Section 47. assault: IP discloses that during incident offender has punched him to the face causing bruising.
25000389406	11/05/25	Section 47. assault: Informant has been assaulted by another female and injury caused to her knee

Additional Information

A meeting was held on the 06/05/25 at 11:00 with Stella Mathews, Derek Wright, Sgt Stuart Roberts, PC Jamie Organ, PCSO Kelvin Evans and PCSO Sarah Clark-Lewis. Discussed in the meeting was as follows and from Sgt Roberts:

"Firstly, could I thank you for attendance at Llay police station to meet with myself and team. We discussed a number of issues raised which I will outline below with some actions.

First Mr Wright you brought up concerns of the lack of contact from NWP as of late and requested an improvement – I agreed that Jamie will be your first port of call, then indeed contact myself on the email provided. We will keep you up to date with any community events and jobs that we feel you should be made aware of moving forward – However we won't share information regarding warrants as this could be a breach of data protection.

Speeding vehicles – We have completed speed checks where we shared you with the statistics – This was completed on Queen Street, Cefn Mawr, on the 01/05/25. Out of 52 vehicles 6 were speeding giving an 11% of vehicles checked caught speeding. We will continue to conduct speed checks at the location, however as discussed this will be periodically owing to staffing shortages.

Buses – You were in contact with Insp Ifans regards the issues raised around Arriva busses, I will email them to seek some advice however, NWP don't believe the police can stop or indeed enforce a change of bus route.

ASB – Your ASB issue is that of the same as Plas Madoc – We have as discussed launched operation Gaset. Officers have been tasked with specific patrols surrounding the operation. We have a plan in action, but this will take time.

Mopeds – Our position as discussed is sheer frustration – We as police can no longer purse bikes. However, we can/should evidence assist issues road traffic tickets, including the seizure of bikes should they be identified driving illegally or in an anti-social manner, we did seize a bike last week which we advised you about yesterday.

Staffing – It was really nice to hear your positive comments regards PCSO Lara – She was excellent and an asset to North Wales police. As your aware she has left her role and now training to become a police constable within the organisation. She hasn't been replaced with another PCSO. As I advised and Stella confirmed back in 2003 to 2018 we had 47 PCSO`S for the district, we now have 16 with 12 officers being available to deploy. We also have 5 Police constables who are part of the NPT team. So staffing isn't great but were still trying to provide the best service we can. Currently PC Jamie Organ, PCSO Sarah Clark- Lewis and PCSO Kelvin Evans are the PCSO`S covering your area until such time we have another full-time staff member.

We need to improve of our attendance as council meetings but as discussed yesterday our position is difficult as I can't staff all 23 wards. We will ensure you have crime stats each month and at the bottom there is a section that members can complete with questions you may have. All I ask is the clerk send the actions to myself to try and answer. We also want to attend more youth clubs; this is something I'm pushing at the moment.

Out of station data – This is something our divisional senior management team are keen to push – its positive to add that Wrexham rural are doing really well and your NPT team are out the station over 60% of their working day which is really positive.

I think I covered most of our meetings discussions, please feel free to reply if you need to query anything of if you feel I've missed anything out. But thank you for your support and we look forward to working closer with you in the near future."

Completed Activity	
Speed Gunning 01/05/25	Queen Street: 01/05/25, 13:50. 6 out of 52 vehicles speeding up to 40mph.
Futsal Event 02/05/25	Girls Futsal tournament at Plas Madoc Leisure centre. Collab with local school, Cefn Community Council and PACT funding. 2nd May 2025 09:00-15:00
ASB/Speeding Meeting 06/05/25	(See above)
Ty Mawr 10/05/25	Foot patrol around Ty Mawr at 16:08. Was very busy but no major issues when walking round. There were however several people having BBQ's on site by the river. All were spoken to regarding the no fire policy however they did point out that there were no signs telling them this. Could be an idea to put signs up as everyone was very reasonable about it.
Bike Marking 12/05/25	Bike Marking Events at Cefn Library: Monday 12th May 15:00-16:00, one person attended.
Cefn Youth Club 21/05/25	Attended Cefn youth club, not many kids there, staff state the youths who were causing issues haven't attended in a while.

Future Planned Activity

Feedback or Questions for Next Meeting

3 PRIORITIES

1. Regular checks on the Youth Club at the George Edwards Hall on a Monday and Wednesday, this is following a recent suspension of the provision due to ASB in the building.

2. Regular speed checks and patrols at Queen Street, Cefn Mawr - continual problems with speeding especially in the evening from Queen Street leading to Abernant - reports of boy racers

3. Monitor and regular patrols at Ty Mawr Country Park due to increase complaints of ASB in the area.

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Any concerns or issues in relation to this report to be sent to the above sergeants as first point of contact.

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NORTH WALES POLICE

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Person Providing Report: PCSO 3917 Kelvin Evans
Date of Report: Period of 01/05/25 – 31/05/25

	Burglary Residential	Domestic Violence	Serious Violence	Sexual Offences	ASB
Incidents between 01/05/25 – 31/05/25	**0**	**14**	**0**	**1**	**9**

Incidents of Note		
Crime Reference Number	**Date**	**Brief Circumstances**
25000369702	04/05/2025	Common Assault – Identified suspect is alleged to have caused damage to a dwelling window and when the victim has come outside, he has subsequently been assaulted by the same male. Suspect has been arrested, and the occurrence is ongoing.
25000395980	13/05/2025	Public Order – IP reported a large group of youths throwing stones at her. Suspects have been identified and this is currently ongoing.
25000416471	20/05/2025	Common Assault – Identified suspect is alleged to have assaulted a person known to them. The suspect has been arrested and charged.

Additional Information

As you are aware there has been a significant spike with anti-social behaviour in Plas Madoc. This has in the main been caused by youths living at two addresses on the estate. I, along with colleagues have attended many meetings over the past 2 months to negate the issues. Many incidents are reported, however, when we speak with victims there has been a reluctance to provide statements for fear of repercussions, and while this can cause frustration to ourselves, I fully understand their feelings and predicament.

We have over the past 3 weeks made significant progress in addressing the issues, and subsequently we are now seeing a reduction in demand relating to ASB. That said, I can assure you it does not end there, and we are continuing with our efforts to stamp this level of behaviour out. I cannot go into too many details due to confidentiality protocols, but I will update you further in next months figures. In the meantime, please be assured that we are doing our utmost so that the residents of Plas Madoc can go about their days in peace and safety.

Kind regards,

Kelvin.

Completed Activity

Future Planned Activity

Feedback or Questions for Next Meeting

18. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT – June 2025

- Cefn Mawr - 3
- Rhosymedre –
- Acrefair – 2
- Newbridge –
- Plas Madoc –

Good evening, everyone,

I hope you're all keeping well. I just wanted to share a quick update on some of the work I've been doing in our local community, particularly to support residents over the age of 50.

Each week brings something new, but at the heart of it all is the same goal – helping people feel more connected, supported, and part of something special.

On **Tuesday mornings**, I run a **drop-in session** to help with things like form filling, Blue Badge applications, bus passes, and anything else people might need a hand with. It's become a regular stop for many who now know there's someone here to guide them through the paperwork.

Every **Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30**, we gather for **Chat and Chill** at George Edwards Hall. It's a lovely, relaxed session where we enjoy bacon baps, a hot cuppa, and good company. We play bingo and quizzes, do crafts, jigsaws – and most importantly, we have a good laugh together. It's been heartwarming to see friendships form and confidence grow.

I'm also excited to be starting a **Gardening Club**, launching as a trial on **Tuesday 17th June from 12:30 to 1:30 pm**. This came from chatting with residents who miss being out in the garden. It'll be a gentle, hands-on session with a real focus on enjoying the outdoors and each other's company.

We're also putting the finishing touches on our **day trip to Southport**, which takes place on **Thursday 20th June**. There are still a **few seats available**, so if you know anyone who would enjoy a seaside day out, please send them my way. These trips really lift people's spirits and give them something to look forward to.

I'm also now in contact with **Michael Jones from Nightingale House**, and we've started planning **new community events** at **George Edwards Hall**. I'm really looking forward to what we can build together – more opportunities to bring people together and make the most of this brilliant community space.

Looking ahead, I'm planning a **special evening event for people over 50** on **Friday 20th September** at **George Edwards Hall**. The evening will run from **4pm to 9pm**, with a **buffet**, and I'm hoping to secure a **beer license** too so everyone can enjoy a relaxed social night. I'm currently looking for a **local band** who would like to come and play – if you know of anyone suitable, I'd really appreciate your help spreading the word!

I just want to say how much I'm truly enjoying being a **Community Agent**. This role has given me the chance to meet so many amazing people, hear their stories, and make a difference – even in small ways. It's incredibly rewarding, and I feel proud to be part of something that brings hope, support, and a smile to so many faces.

Thank you so much for your continued support. It really does make a difference and helps me reach even more people who need a little extra support or company. If you'd like to pop into a session or get involved with anything coming up, I'd love to hear from you.

You can reach me by email at **agent@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk** or by phone on **07925 048711**.

Warmest regards,
Donna Thornley
Community Agent

The Community Agent attended the meeting and provided an update. She informed members that the recent Southport trip was a great success and that all those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. She confirmed that the Llandudno trip is scheduled for the 18th of July 2025, with spaces still available but filling up fast. She also advised members that she is looking to arrange a trip to Bury Market in the autumn and will liaise with the Chairman, Councillor Phil Vaughan, to agree a suitable date.

The Community Agent outlined her proposal to organise an Over 50's Party in September, which would include hiring live bands, providing a buffet, and applying for the relevant alcohol licence. The event would be held from 4pm to 9pm on a Saturday afternoon and

would operate on a “bring your own alcohol” basis. The Clerk confirmed that a licence is still required as alcohol will be consumed on site, regardless of whether it is sold.

Councillor Katherine Tiltman recommended that she could ask her next-door neighbour who is part a local community Choir to support the event.

The Community Agent also requested access to the Community Development Officer, Andrew Ruscoe, to assist with entertainment for the event, such as a quiz or bingo. This was agreed by members. Councillor Dave Metcalfe offered the Community Agent to liaise with him, as he hosts live bands at his own establishments and may be able to assist with finding bands for the event.

The Clerk informed members that the Wrexham Council referral process has changed since the Community Agent began working with Cefn Community Council. The Community Agent explained that under the new process, she is required to obtain two self-referrals on a weekly basis which obviously has its challenges week on week

She can continue to assist residents over the age of 50 with matters such as completing bus pass applications and providing general support. However, the Community Agent should no longer carry out home visits. If absolute necessary to conduct a home visit, where possible the community agent will buddy up with a neighbouring community agent.

Members were asked to signpost residents to the Community Agent wherever possible to help support the new referral process.

Councillor Paul Blackwell expressed his concerns regarding the changes, highlighting that many elderly residents, particularly those who are housebound, rely on the Community Agent for support. He fears that these restrictions could prevent vulnerable individuals from accessing essential services and believes there may be a broader strategy in place to gradually phase out the Community Agent service through the back door.

Councillor Katie Witherden asked for clarification on why home visits were no longer allowed. The Community Agent explained that she had been informed she is not permitted to lone work anymore, which prevents her from visiting clients in their homes.

In response, Councillor Katie Witherden raised concerns that individuals with disabilities have a legal right to access support services. She stated that restricting home visits in this way could potentially breach the Equality Act, as it limits access to essential services for those unable to leave their homes.

The Community Agent further explained that, due to a strong partnership with another area's Community Agent, arrangements have been made to ensure that lone working does not occur while still providing some level of support to residents in need. However, Councillor Stella Matthews made it clear that if this strong connection were not in place, vulnerable individuals would be at serious risk of losing access to vital services.

The Clerk made members aware that the service provided by the Community Agent is clearly needed. The Community Agent has developed many professional relationships and friendships within the community, providing vital services such as completing forms and

signing documentation for elderly residents who may otherwise struggle to access these services.

It was also confirmed that funding for the Community Agent role is secured until March 2026. However, while this provides some reassurance, it does not guarantee long-term job security for the Community Agent, despite the clear and growing need for the service within the community.

The Clerk further explained that the Community Agent has proactively distributed flyers throughout the area to raise awareness and encourage self-referrals in line with the new process.

Councillor Angela Williams asked whether the service operates to a set time scale when engaging with those who are referred. The Community Agent explained that there is no strict time scale in place, but the preferred approach is to support individuals initially and then signpost them to appropriate external agencies for ongoing support.

The Community Agent also explained that when a service user is signed off, they are expected to complete a follow-up process by scanning a QR code. Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones raised concerns over this, pointing out that many elderly residents do not possess the necessary technology, such as smartphones, to complete this process. She expressed that relying on such methods risks excluding some of the most vulnerable members of the community from providing feedback or formally concluding their engagement with the service.

Councillor Stella Matthews suggested that this report be forwarded to Councillor Derek Wright's Committee for further consideration. She also recommended that a discussion regarding the long-term funding and sustainability of the Community Agent role be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

Councillor Benbow-Jones informed members that attendees of the recent Chat & Chill session proudly wore their medals to the CRNCA Luncheon Club.

The clerk ended the discussion by thanking the Community Agent for her great work and her attendance to the full council meeting.

19. CLERKS REPORT

19.1 The Clerk informed members that the next community litter pick was proposed for either the 16th or 23rd of July, with members asked to confirm their preferred date and suggested location. It was unanimously agreed by full council that the date of the next Community Litter pick would be July 16th, 2025, in Plas Madoc, 10am.

19.2 The Clerk also reminded members that the annual Garden Competition was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 24th July, with the presentation event to be confirmed for September. Members were asked to encourage any residents interested in showcasing their gardens to take part, as application numbers remained low and it was noted that participation had become an increasing struggle each year. The closing date for the applications is the 18th July 2025.

20.CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

(a) To Confirm the minutes of the Full Council AGM Meeting held on 27th May 2025 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes the minutes of the Full Council AGM Meeting held on 27th May 2025 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

(b) To Confirm the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 27th May 2025 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the on 27th May 2025 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

(c) To Confirm the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 27th May 2025 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on the on 27th May 2025 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

21. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2024/25

21.1 Internal Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2025. To receive details of the Internal Auditor's report and Action Plan in respect of the Audit of the Council's Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The internal auditor issued three points at the year-end report as follows:

1. Council wrote off a payment from 23/24, VAT had been reclaimed in 23/24 cheque was re-issued in 24/25 and VAT is recorded in the cash book for this payment. ***Recommendation - Council must ensure that if they have claimed VAT twice that an adjustment is made on the next VAT return. – Clerk to action on next VAT return***
2. Review of Asset register identified an item had been added at the gross purchase cost. ***Recommendation – Assests should be added to the register at the net of VAT purchase cost***. – ***Clerk to amend assest register***
3. Council are responsible for a charity and have selected the box on the annual return which confirms they act as a sole trustee. A review of the information shows council is not recorded as the sole trustee but individual councillors, some of whom are no longer councillors. ***Recommendation – If the council is a sole trustee of the charity the commission should be notified that the information recorded needs amending that the sole corporate trustee is Cefn CC rather than individual councillors***. – **Clerk to amend annual return that they are not sole trustee**

21.2 To receive and approve the Annual Return and accounting statements set out in sections 1 and 2 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

- ***Resolved- Members received and approved the statements set out in section 1 and 2 of the council's annual return for the year ended 31st March 2025***

21.3 To give approval for the Chairman to sign the Annual Return on the Council's behalf before 30 June 2025 to comply with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) prior to submission to the external auditor.

- ***Resolved - Members approved that the Chairman sign the relevant section on page 3 of the annual return for 2024/25 on the council's behalf before 30 June 2025 to comply with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014***
- ***To note the arrangements for the External Audit of the Council's Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 is being carried out on 15 September***

2025 and endorse the action taken by the Clerk in accordance with the Accounts And Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014

The clerk reported that a date has been set by the auditor general for electors to exercise their rights examine council paperwork, this is Monday the 15th of September 2025.

The Clerk further explained that, following a thorough research exercise carried out by the Community Development Officer, Andrew Ruscoe, into how other Community Councils operate, it is evident that Cefn Community Council's website and the quality of documents shared with residents are exceptional.

Cefn Community Council is performing incredibly well in terms of communication, transparency, and accessibility of information. Members were informed that, based on Andrew's findings, both the website and supporting documents shared publicly are of a much higher standard than what is commonly seen elsewhere.

22. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 24th JUNE 2025

EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 2) – Staff 7662.39

Invoice No

INV NO	CHQ NO	RETRO	FROM	£
25/025	106769	Y	BT - Invoice for office & Broadband	523.12
25/026	106770	Y	Snowdonia Fire & Security - Invoice for GE Hall Alarm Maintenance	840.00
25/027	BACS	Y	Community Agent - Invoice for expenses	22.80
25/028	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for Office IT (repair)	70.00
25/029	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for Community Development Officer IT	19.70
25/030	BACS	Y	AVOW - Invoice for membership	15.00
25/031	BACS	Y	Splash Community Trust - Invoice for football Tournament	534.60
25/032	BACS	Y	B Bartley - Invoice for repair to bowling green	100.00
25/033	BACS	Y	Defib Store - Invoice for CPR Pads	162.00
25/034	BACS	Y	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	325.00
25/035	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Trefynant Cemetery	1251.00
25/036	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Play Area	792.00
25/037	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for Community Development Officer IT	19.70
25/038	BACS	Y	WCBC - Invoice for Trade Waste Charges at Trefynant Cemetery	799.50

25/039	BACS	Y	WCBC - Invoice for Trade Waste Charges at GE Hall	323.95
25/040	BACS	Y	SW Plumbing & Heating - Invoice for GE Hall	747.36
25/041	DD	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	62.07
25/042	DD	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	81.71
25/043	BACS		TMNS - Expenses for May/June (LGA 1972 sect 112) -	29.54
24/044	106771		JDH Business Services - Invoice for 24/25 Audit	591.60

Invoices Received During May/June 25

HMRC Tax & NI	2055.82
Clwyd Pension Fund	1551.23
CSA Payment	357.72
HSBC	9.93
	£18947.74

Income

Vodafone	1250.00
WCBC (CA Grant)	13175.76

Burial

GE Hall

Dance Zone (Rec0549)	254.47
WCBC Labour Grp (Rec0550)	33.75
Young Carers (Rec0552)	66.00
WCBC (Rec0551)	135.75
Slimming World (Rec0554)	678.56
Cefn Historical Soc (Rec0555)	29.00
Advance Brighter Future (Rec0557)	92.50
Geoff Langford (Rec0558)	104.40
Young Carers(Rec0559)	40.50
Cefn Labour Grp (Rec0561)	12.50
Cefn Labour Grp (Rec0563)	25.00
Fron Male Voice Choir (Rec0562)	27.00
Dance Zone (Rec0556)	254.47
WCBC (Rec0553)	145.00

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.05.25	233.89
	£16558.55

Resolved that the listed payments be approved however the clerk explained that she is going to explore a cheaper broadband company due to exceptionally increases.

Councillor Stella Matthews and Councillor Helen Brimfield offered an opinion of maybe exploring Virgin Media as they have installed fibre cables in the community. The clerk agreed that she will be looking to explore a better deal for the broadband.

23. CORRESPONDANCE

Correspondence Received During May/June 25:

Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:

1				**Ken Skates MS - E Newsletter**
2				**Clwyd Pension Fund - Email re: Year end queries**
3				WCBC - Email re: Invite to Mayor's Civic Visit to St Giles Church - The Clerk informed members that an email had been received from Wrexham County Borough Council regarding an invitation to the Mayor's Civic Visit to St Giles Church. ***Resolved - All members present agreed that this invitation should be passed to the Chairman for consideration and attendance.***
4				WCBC - Acknowledgement to SPF Fund application ***The Clerk informed members that Wrexham County Borough Council has acknowledged receipt of the Council's application to the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF). The application has been submitted; however, at this stage, there is no confirmed timescale for when the outcome will be announced.***
5				WCBC - Email RE: Annual Play Area Inspections 2025 - ***The Clerk informed members that Wrexham County Borough Council has completed the Annual Play Area Inspections for 2025. Cefn Community Council currently has 11 play parks, all of which received a*** *Low Risk* ***classification with*** *No Action Required.* ***Members welcomed this positive outcome.***
6				***Community Wellness Group - Email re: Lower Room Booking The Clerk informed members that the Community Wellness Group has submitted a request to use the Lower Room at George Edwards Hall free of charge every Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for a 12-week period, in addition to their existing monthly sessions.The group provided statistical analysis demonstrating the positive impact of the Community Wellness Sessions within the local area. Notably, 91% of attendees reported an improvement in mood as a result of the sessions, highlighting the value of the service in supporting residents' wellbeing.*** ***Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones and Councillor Stella Matthews both expressed their support, noting the clear benefits to the community, which are reinforced by the statistical findings.*** ***Councillor Katie Witherden stated that offering this support represents an investment in the wellbeing of the community.*** ***Councillor Stella Matthews proposed that the arrangement be granted on the understanding that it will be reviewed after 3 months, around September, with the expectation that the Community Wellness Group continues efforts to secure its own funding.*** ***This proposal was seconded by Councillor Paul Blackwell, and the Full Council unanimously agreed to approve the room use under these conditions.*** ***The Clerk also advised that this arrangement would need to be readdressed as we move into the winter months, due to increased costs associated with heating the venue. However, acknowledge and paid tribute to the Community Wellness Group as they are working incredibly hard to secure funding.***
7				WCBC - Email re: Monthly Update of City Centre Events – ***The Clerk informed members that an email had been received from Wrexham County Borough Council providing a monthly update on upcoming City Centre events. -*** *Resolved to be noted*

8				The Pension Regulator - Confirmation of automatic enrolment - ***The Clerk informed members that confirmation has been received from The Pension Regulator regarding the Council's compliance with automatic enrolment duties – Resolved to be noted***
9				Wrexham Area Civic Society Awards 2025 - Email Re: Nominations Sought ***The Clerk informed members that Wrexham Area Civic Society is seeking nominations for the 2025 Civic Society Awards, which are held biennially. The last awards were in 2023, with previous years suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*** ***The award categories include:*** • ***New Build*** • ***Regeneration*** • ***Landscape*** • ***Architectural Constellation*** • ***Award for Sustainability*** • ***Ruth Howard Award for Quality of Life*** • ***Wooden Spoon Award*** ***The Clerk advised members that she had considered potential nominations but invited further suggestions. Any members wishing to receive further details or a copy of the nomination information should contact the Clerk directly.*** ***Councillor Stella Matthews highlighted the solar panel project at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre as a possible nomination under the Sustainability category. Councillor Karen Benfield proposed nominating the building located next to the Newbridge Arms in Newbridge under the New Build – Quality of Design category. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones and unanimously agreed by all members present.***
10				Emma Jayne Holmes - Email re: Baton of Hope ***The Clerk displayed an email from Emma Jayne Holmes regarding the Baton of Hope project. Emma proposed placing handmade wooden pieces within community planters and lampposts, currently being created by local community groups.*** ***It was agreed that the Chair should make a donation to the Baton of Hope charity and additionally provide a direct donation to Emma Jayne Holmes specifically to cover the cost of materials for the wooden pieces.*** ***Councillor Paul Blackwell suggested creating a social media awareness post to explain the significance of the wooden pieces and to highlight the charity and project they support.*** ***Councillor Angela Williams provided further information regarding the related event. There were no objections, and the proposal was unanimously supported by all members present.*** ***Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones explained that she will ask Threads of Cefn to support the event with something in the windows of the charity shop.*** ***The clerk said that Cefn Community Council could consider doing the same and is open to suggestions.*** ***Councillor Stella Matthews said showing our support is important as Cefn is the last stop.***

24. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/2025/0434 Conversion of dwelling into 2 dwellings

Flat, Commerce House, Llangollen Road, Acrefair

The Clerk informed the Council about planning application P/2025/0434, which is a retrospective application. Members were invited to provide their comments.

The Clerk noted that the application includes proposals related to parking, which members agreed should be questioned.

After discussion, the Full Council agreed that they had no objections to the application.

Councillor Stella Matthews provided an update on the Wheatsheaf Buildings planning application. Councillor Matthews explained that both herself and Councillor Derek Wright have submitted residents' concerns to Wrexham County Borough Council in relation to this application.

It is anticipated that the application will be included on the agenda for Wrexham Council's Planning Committee meeting in September 2025**.**

25.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

25.1 Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones asked the Council for an update on the former Kwik Save site. The Chairman, Mr. Phil Vaughan, responded by explaining that there has been recent antisocial behaviour at the building, with individuals gaining access. New metal panels have now been installed to prevent further entry.

The Chairman also confirmed that the parties responsible for the site are currently awaiting Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to sign a Letter of Intent, which is necessary for progress to be made.

Councillor Paul Blackwell reported that children were seen inside the building during the weekend of June 21st, which the Chairman confirmed had been reported to the police.

Councillor Dave Metcalfe queried whether Betsi Cadwaladr now has a formal interest in the site. The Clerk advised that the Council should await Councillor Derek Wright's return, as he is leading this project and will provide a full update.

The Clerk also informed members that a feasibility study has provided clear evidence of the significant need for a new doctor's surgery within the Cefn region and provided comparison on how smaller Wrexham villages have state of the art facilities, yet Cefn has yet to have one when we have a larger population density.

Councillor Dave Metcalfe further added that comparative figures, particularly with neighbouring areas such as Llangollen, reinforce the case for the development of new healthcare facilities in the Cefn region.

Councillor Stella Matthews recommended that this matter be added to the agenda for the next Community Council meeting upon Councillor Wright's return.

25.2 Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones reported that she has received complaints from residents regarding boy racers revving their engines and causing antisocial behaviour within the Abernant area. **Councillor Paul Blackwell** confirmed that these reports are accurate and

that this issue is ongoing within the community especially Top of Acrefair. **Councillor Stella Matthews** explained they are having similar issues next to Plas Madoc Leisure.

25.3 Councillor Dave Metcalfe raised concerns regarding Pathway 15 Crane Street, stating that Wrexham Council does not appear to be acknowledging responsibility for the path. The **Clerk** informed members that **Councillor Stella Matthews** currently has this matter in hand. The Clerk acknowledged there is an ongoing issue but assured members that Cefn Community Council has tried to assist, including providing support from the Council's **Groundsman, Huw Parry**, who recently helped **Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones** with maintenance at the doctor's steps.**Councillor Stella Matthews** paid tribute to Dave Douglas from WCBC Streetscene, acknowledging his efforts and confirming that work on these issues will progress.The Clerk concluded by stating that if the Community Council can contribute where possible, it will hopefully encourage further action to resolve the matter.

25.4 Councillor Sue Mills thanked all Councillors for their support at the Ty Mawr Dog Show, making special mention of Councillor Vice Chairman Derek Wright for his contribution to the event through compering duties.

25.5 Councillor Helen Brimfield raised serious concerns after witnessing youths riding up the lane next to Ysgol Cefn Mawr and Ysgol Min-Y-Ddol, stating that a group of approximately 11-year-olds nearly collided with parents and young children.

The **Community Development Officer** confirmed this behaviour, explaining that the youths dangerously crossed the road near the Cenotaph, adding that these individuals are known to have been recently expelled from their secondary schools.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed.